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# Revenue (1935) Department.

MS SERIES.

G.O. No. 2110.

DATED 6.9.35

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests. (S. Kanara) Unreserved lands & lands handed over to Forest Panchayats for management. Forest offences — detection enquiry & prevention — Powers to Rev Officers — Granted

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REVENUE **DEPARTMENT.**

SECRETARY TO GOVT. 26 APR 1935 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

CURRENT No. 1857

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*Subject.*

FORESTS - Unreserved lands - Forest offences - Detection, enquiry and prevention - Powers - Grant to Revenue Officers - Proposal - Submitted.

ENCLOSURES.
No. .....
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Reference L No. 416-35-2

*Station* Madras, *Dated the* 24th April 1935.

From A.R.C. Westlake Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary,
Land Revenue. and
The Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue~~ Settlement, ~~etc.~~
~~Separate Revenue.~~

E.F. Thomas Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Resolution
Reference.

Read the following:--

G.O. No.161 Revenue dated 22nd February 1906.

Letter from E.M. Gawne, Esquire, I.C.S., Collecte South Kanara, Ref.C.661-B1-35 dated 18th February 1935.

I request that the Board may be pleased to consider the desirability of defining clearly the powers and duties of the subordinate officers of the Revenue Department. in relatio to offences committed under the Madras Forest Act (Act V of 1882) on unreserved lands and lands handed over to Forest Panchayats for management.

2. The powers and duties of Collectors, Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in relation

relation to these matters have been defined in Notification I and II reproduced at page 30 of the Forest Manual (1931 edition); but no steps have yet been taken to recognise or declare Revenue Inspectors or Village Officers as "Forest Officers" under section 2 of the Act. Even in the case of Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars it may be noticed that the terms of Notification I, as they stand, seem to read as if these Officers have been appointed as Forest Officers under the Act only for one specific purpose, viz., to compound forest offences, each within his specified limits of power, in cases arising outside Forest reserves.

3. The position ~~of~~ thus seems to be anomalous and in this district, it has long been felt to be so. Chapter III of the Madras Forest Act relates to the protection of land at the disposal of Government, not included in Reserved Forests, and Chapter V with the control of timber in transit. Rules have been framed and have long been in force in this district under sections 26--35 and 36 of the Act and prescribing imprisonment and fine as penalties for such offences. The unreserved lands of South Kanara abound in trees, which from their proximity to warg lands tempt the ryot and offences, no doubt often of a petty nature, occur frequently particularly in interior villages--which require quick enquiry and immediate action, if they are to be punished. There is no regular staff, as in the Reserved Forests, to deal with these cases and to render the situation more difficult, neither Village Officers nor Revenue Inspectors have been invested as yet with powers under the Act--even with powers similar to those which a Forest guard has within the Reserved Forests.

4. The difficulty and inconvenience that is caused, as a result of this anomalous position, are obvious. The jurisdiction of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars is too ex-

extensive for them to be able to reach in good time every place where a petty forest offence is committed. Usually th cases are not so grave as to require the investigation of a Tahsildar or a Sub Inspector of Police. It also happens fre quently that the only persons available on the occurrence of a Forest offence to seize property are the Village Officers; the recognition of Village Officers as Forest Officers in so far as unreserved lands of their own villages are concerned would impose on them the duties prescribed by section 53 and give them the powers conferred by sections 41 and 51 of the Madras Forest Act and this seems to be necessary and advisabl in view of the extensive area outside the Reserved Forests which lies exposed to the commission of offences of varying gravity..

5. It is equally necessary that such powers should be conferred on all Revenue Inspectors and that apart from any recording of formal evidence or issuing of warrants, they sho have under the first portion of section 59 (c) of the Act general powers of enquiry into Forest Offences. Notificatio No.I may, it seems to me, be at the same time made clear and Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars declared to be Forest Office under section 2 for all general purposes with relation to un-reserved lands and the special powers contemplated in section 59 (b) and (c) may also be conferred on them in general -- while their powers with reference to the acceptance of com-pounding fees may be left at the present limits.

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REFERENCE:

Submitted to Government.

2. Very great caution has to be exercised in the appointment of 'forest officers' and the Board does not consi it desirable to give the Village Officers the power suggested by the Collector as it is likely to place in their hands wide opportunities for oppression.

3. Of the powers conferred on a 'forest officer' appointed as such under Section 2 of the Forest Act the most important is the seizure of property under Section 41. In the case of departmental forests, this power is exercised by the forest guards whose pay is only Rs.15-23 (new scale) and the Board sees no reason why this and the other powers of a 'forest officer' should not be conferred on Revenue Officers of the grade of Revenue Inspector upwards.

4. The powers under Section 59 (b) and (c) of the Forest Act are not exercised in the Forest Department by officers below the grade of Extra Assistant Conservators (old scale Rs.250-900) but the Board sees no reason for not entrusting them to Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who have exercised or are exercising 2nd class powers. Surely an officer who can send a man to jail for six months can be trusted with the lesser powers of investigation. The only difficulty is that these officers would in many cases have to try the cases they investigated but this could be obviated by departmental orders that all cases investigated by the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars be tried by the Sub Divisional Magistrates. The above powers, if conferred, may be restricted to the forest offences arising in the unreserves and the lands handed over to forest panchayats in the South Kanara district.

For 'Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

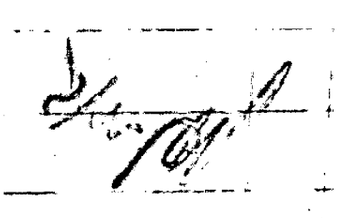
c.k.k.24.4.

Memo No. 1885 F/35-1, d. 20.5.35

Forests - Unreserved lands - Forest Offences - Detection, enquiry and prevention - Powers - Grant to Rev Officers.

BOR's Ref. No. 416-35-2, d. 24.4.35.

Under Sec. 2 (g) (iii) Forest Act, Rev Inspectors Talvs & Dy Talvs will come under the category of "persons appointed to discharge any function of a Forest Officer under this Act". The Board of Revenue is requested to specify the functions that ~~should be discharged~~ by these Officers should be entrusted to



e n u e DEPARTMENT.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. 27 JUN 1935 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

CURRENT No. 2637F

*Received* ..... 19 *Registered* 27.6.35 19

*Subject.*

Forests - Unreserved lands - Forest offences - Detection, enquiry and prevention -Powers -Grant to Revenue officers -. Further report submitted.

ENCLOSURES.
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Reference No. L. 416/35-4

*Station* Madras *Dated the* 25th June 1935.

From

A.H.C.Westlake Esq., I.C.S.,

Secretary Land Revenue and Board of Revenue/ Settlement, etc.

A.H.A.Todd Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land nue.

ead the following:-

Memorandum from Government, Revenue Department No. 188 35-1 dated 20th May 1935.

-I.

Letter from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A.A.Venkatarama Ayyar B.A., Acting Collector of South Kanara No. R.O.C.661-35-B1 dated the 31st May 1935.

Reference

Submitted to Government.

2. In its Reference No. L.416/35-2 dated 24th April 1935 the Board recommended that Revenue officers of the gra of Revenue Inspectors upwards might be invested with the power

power under section 41 to seize property and that Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars might be invested with the powers under Sections 59(b) and (c) to investigate forest offences. The Collector of South Kanara now suggests that certain additional powers may be conferred on these officers. His suggestions for the grant to these officers of the powers under the various sections are examined below:-

Section 51. If the Revenue officers have the power to seize property under section 41 they must also have the power to arrest the accused if he happens to be an unknown person. The Board therefore supports the Collector's proposal.

Section 53. The Board sees no objection to invest the Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors with the powers under the Section.

Sections 55, 59 (b)(c) and (d). The Board has already proposed the grant to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars of the powers under section 59 (b) and (c). The Collector suggests that these officers may also be invested with the powers under sections 55 and 59(d) to compound and to accept compensation within the existing limit of Rs.50. This is unnecessary as they have already been empowered under section 55 and 59(d) - vide G.O.No. 305 Revenue dated ~~9th March 1938~~ 9-2-28.

The Collector suggests that the Revenue Inspectors may be empowered under section 59(c) to hold enquiries without the power to issue search warrants. As conditions are peculiar in the South Kanara district, the Board recommends that the Collector's suggestion may be accepted.

The grant to Revenue Inspector of the power under section 59(c) without the power under section 59(b) may handicap him to some extent. The Board however considers it unnecessary to give him the power under section 59(b) as it would place in his hands all the powers of a court on a par with the Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars. It accordingly suggests that he may be allowed to conduct the enquiry as best as he can without the powers under section 59(b).

V. Ramanathan.
for Secretary. 26.6.35

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department
with the Collector's letter.

R.V./25-6-35.

R.O.C.661-35-B1.

South Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 31st May 1935.

From

M.R.Ry.Rao Bahadur A.A. Venkatarama Ayyar Avl., B.A.,
Ag. Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Board,
Land Revenue & Settlement,
Madras.

Sir,

Forests - Forest offences - Unreserved lands - Detection - Enquiry and prevention - Powers and duties of Revenue officers - Definition.

Board's reference L.416/35-3, dated 27.5.1935.

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I propose that the officers should be empowered to discharge the functions under the Forest Act referred to in the following sections, in unreserved lands and panchayat forests under the Revenue Department:-

1. Revenue Inspectors:- Sections 41, 51, 53 and power to hold enquiries under Section 59(c) without the power to issue search warrants referred to in that sub-section.

2. Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars:- Sections 41, 51, 53, 59(b) and 59(c) and Sections 55 and 59 (d) within the limits already existing of Rs.50.

Your obedient servant,

For Collector.

M.D'S.31/5.

Forests - Reserved Lands - Forest Offences - Detection, enquiry and prevention - Powers - grant to village officers and Rev Subordinates
Bds Rep. L. No. 416-35-2, d 24.4.35

Govt.

Please see the Bds Report in the Cf.

2. The proposals of the Collr of S. Kanara are

1) that Rev. Insprs and village officers should be recognised as "forest officers" under Sec. 2 of the Madras Forest Act.

2) that Hobalis and Talks be declared to be "forest officers" under sec. 2 of the Act for all general purposes with relation to reserved lands etc.

Govt (1) The Board does not consider it desirable to give the village officers the powers suggested by the Collr as it is likely to place in their hands wide opportunities for oppression. The Board is of

favour of the Collr's proposal to grant powers of 'forest officer' to officers of the grade of Dy Supdr upwards. p.3 of

2) Item (2) on p. 1 ante. The Board supports the proposal and has suggested that where cases have been investigated by the Talukdars and Dy Talukdars they may be tried by the Sub-Divl Magistrates and that their powers may be restricted to forest offences arising in the reserves and the lands handed over to forest panchayats in the S. Kanara

3) The Hon'ble Bd's recommendation may be accepted and the file sent to Govt for orders if any.

Dr

10.4.23

In P. Dis No 265 Dev) 15.2.23 (H) Thy

all Taluk Talukdars were empowered to compound forest offences in cases arising in connn with unreserved lands & in lands handed over to forest panchayats for

opportunities for oppression. I would in this connection request of the views of Mr N.S Bordoloi (Junior) & Mr J.H Robertson (S. Kamrup). ~~on~~ No 5 dt 7 of F.O 16/Rev dt 22.2.1906. This dept may, it is submitted agree with the Board's

suggestion in paras 3 & 4 of letter No 3 dt regarding the empowerment of powers under the Forest Act, on Revenue officers of the grade of Rev Inspectors upwards will be accepted in this dept. The remarks of Rev dept may be invited.

Please see § 2 of F. Forest Act
Revenue Inspectors Talukdars
Deputy Talukdars

~~presumably~~ are under the category of persons appointed ... to discharge any functions of Forest Officers under the Act ... and as ~~such~~ officers duly the functions ~~so~~ charged to discharged

10.5.35

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A draft- ON is submitted for approval

20.5.35

ordered as ON No. 1885 F/35-1 dt 20.5.35 | ON
FC No. 2637.F/35/ Bdg.-Reg. No. L. 416/35-4. dt 25-6-35 | M-7-8 C.

To us

Please see

ar. M-7-8

2 The Board's recommendations for investing Revenue Assistants By Tahsildars and Tahsildars with powers under certain

Section of the Madras Forest Act- in unreserved lands and panchayat forests under the Rev. Dept are ~~extended~~ noted below

Section 41 — Seizure of property liable to confiscation

The Cell recommends that the powers under this section to seize property may be given to Rev. Inspectors, Dy Tahsildars and Tahsildars. The Board has stated that in the case of departmental forests, the powers under this section are exercised by the Forest guards whose pay is only Rs 15-25 (new scale) and the Board therefore sees no reason why this and other powers of a 'forest officer' should not be conferred on Revenue officers" of the grade of Rev. Inspectors upwards". The recommendation may be affirm

the power of arrest without warrant conferred by this section may be given to Rlys. Officers and Talvs. The Board states that if the Rly. officers have the power to seize property under Sec. 41 they must also have the power to arrest the accused, if he happens to be an unknown person. The Board therefore should support the Coll's proposal. Suggest that the proposal may be approved. G 5/7/14

p. 9 Cf

p. 8 Cf

p. 184 Bk p. 33-1

Section 53 - Power to prevent commission of offence

The Coll recommends that the power to prevent commission of any forest offence under this section may be given to Rlys, Officers and Talvs. The Board sees no objection to invest these officers with this power. The proposal may be approved. G 5/7 June 14-7-30

p. 9 Cf.

p. 8 Cf

Section 55 and 59(d) - Power to compound offen

The Coll recommends the grant of powers under these sections to compound.

and accept compensation within the existing limit of Rs 50/- (to Talvs + Dytalvs only). These powers have already been granted to Talvs & Dytalvs as provided under the Board, vide Govt. No. 305 Rev. dt 9.2.28. The Notification in this Govt. is a general one and not a note for particularly for the S. Kanara Dt appears to be unnecessary.

Section 59 (6) & (c) (p. 49 Para No 83-A) – Investing Asst officers with certain powers.

The Collr recommends that powers under these sections may be given to the Talvs and Talvs and that the power to hold enquiries under Sec. 59 (c) without the power to visit locally may be withheld. Govt are pleased to direct that sub-section (6) be delegated as recommended by the Collr to Dytalvs and Talvs other powers under these sections & conditions are peculiar in the S. Kanara Dt the

Board recommends the Collr's proposal to grant powers to Rvs under Sec. 59(c) subject to the limitation suggested. The proposal may be approved.

and remarks that he may be allowed to conduct his enquiry as best as he can without the powers under Sec. 59(6).

With ref to the remarks of the DO in para 4 on p 4c departmental orders will have to be issued that all cases investigated by the Tahsildars & Deputy Tahsildars should be tried by Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

3. The file may be sent to Dev. for remarks

14.7.35

Secretariat

Remo 1885 A/35-2
15-7-35

Dev Deptt

To A.S.

The proposals of the Rev. Deptt may be agreed to in this Dept ~~No remarks are called for.~~

The case may be returned to Rev.

Rev 23/7/35 S.

Dev. 3065-P/35
17.7.35

Rv 3086 F
2673

Revenue Dept-

I. W.S.

A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Taluka (Drafting) for sending the notification in paragraph 3.

2. The present order will apply only to the Talukas of the last sentence of para 4 at page 4 CS. The conferring limits of the Act at page 5 CS

3. It is presumed that the powers under Section 29(C) of the Act are to be conferred on all Tahsildars and Dy. Talukas of such Talukas who have exercised or are exercising 2nd class powers as objected in para 4 at page 4 CS. It is not mention in this notification in the Bill's Appendix at page 8 CS

All Tahsildars have exercised 2nd class powers ... A very few exceptions Practically all Dy Tahsildars are

Law (Drafting)

Development may perhaps see first and put up any precedents which may be available with them.

K. M.
5/8/35

Law (Drafting) No. 2242-1
6.8.35

Dev. Dept.

To A.S.

may be perused and returned to Law (Drafting) Dept. No precedents are available in this Dept. Reply may be drawn to this

8.8.35

Dev. 3416-I
6-8-35

Law (Drafting) No. 1885 F/35-23
3/8/35

the notification at page 29 of the forest manual. Please put up the orders for cancelling similar notifications (vide Hs 28, 30 given herewith) to the Secy. together with precedents

FaR
9.8.35

A.S.

The following G.Os. are

Proceedings Vol. for 1884 put up.

(A) (1) G.O. 970 Revenue Dt 27-8-1884

(B) (2) " 916 " " 3-10-1892

(C) (3) " 81 " " 23-11-1897

(D) (4) " 129 " " 16-9-1915.

The file may be returned to the Law (Drafting) Dept

Dr 18.8.35 Law Offr

The following papers have been laid down by Revenue for G.O. No. 1885-F/35. & they may be weeded.

(H) G.O. 265 Dwt. Dt 19-2-23 ✓
(F) " 1682 " " 16-11-23 ✓
(GI) " 538 " " 1-4-26 ✓
(J) " 305 Rev. " 9-2-28 ✓
(XX) " 2173 I/334 Dwt " 4-10-33 ✓

(Send an intimation when all are sent)

he 13/8/35 FaR 13-8-35

Law (Dfg)

Will Revenue kindly put up the G.O.s referred to in the margin and oblige?

K. VM
15/8/35

Revenue.

Rev. No. 3466 I/35-1
Rr 3469 13-8-35
16.8.35
DM 2370
16 AUG 1935
REVENUE DEPT

PASS. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
16 AUG 1935
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Rev. Dept.

Ans

The records referred to in the margin are already put up in this file. Please see flags (H) (F) (GI) (J) & (XX)

Law (Draftg) No. 2370
16.8.35

* Dept's note in pencil above led me to a contrary inference.
K. VM
19/8/35

The file may be returned
Law (Drafting)
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Law (L)
30/8/35

Law (Drafting) Department. Revenue 3459F/35
17/8/35

The draft notification may be recast as follows:--

Dy 2407
17.8.35

"In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882 (Madras Act V of 1882), and in continuation of Revenue Department Notification No.40, dated the 9th February 1928, published at page 245 of Part I of the Fort St.George Gazette, dated the 14th February 1928, the Governor in Council is hereby pleased to appoint the officers in the South Kanara district mentioned in column (1) of the Schedule below, to discharge the functions of Forest-officers under the provisions of the said Act specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, in all cases arising within their respective jurisdictions in connexion with --

(a) unreserved lands, and

(b) lands handed over to Forest panchayats for management.

Schedule.

| Designation of officers. (1) | Provisions of the Act. (2) |
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| 2.Revenue Inspectors. | (a) Sections 41,51 and 53.<br>(b) Section 59 (c), in so far as it relates to power to hold inquiries into forest-offences, and in the course of such inquiries, to receive and record evidence." |

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. 3752F 31 AUG1935 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Law (Drafting) 2404-1
31.8.35

K.M. 30/8/35 Revenue

M 30/8/35

Please see the Law (Drafting) note on p. 14 above. A revised draft order with the draft stipulations recast as suggested by Law (Drafting) is submitted for approval.

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* 1.X.85

The proposal is to give Tas. by Tal. Idous a R. to the S. Kenova fish. Contain additional powers under the Forest Act in connection with forest offences in (i) Unreserved lands (ii) Chiefs Paichoy at Tracks for the Season vested by the CSM under Sch. 1-4

Sectt. Item 5 (b)

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. 305 Rev, dated 9-2-1928 (Ms)

*READ ALSO* :-

C. No. 1885 F/35. From the Board of Rev., L.R.&S. Refce No. L.416-35, dated 24-4-1935. (Ms)

--do-- L.416/35-4 ,, 25-6-1935. (Ms)

ORDER No. 2110, dated 6-9-1935

Ms. (Ms)

At the instance of the Collector of South Kanara, the Board of Revenue has submitted proposals ~~for~~ empowering Revenue Inspectors, Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars in the South Kanara Dt. to exercise certain powers under the Madras Forest Act, 1882 in connection with forest offences in unreserved lan and panchayat forests under the Revenu Department. The Government pass the following orders:

(1) Section 41 -- Seizure of prope

liable to confiscation, section 51 Power to arrest without warrant and section 53 - Power to prevent commission of offence.

The Government accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that Revenue Inspectors, Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars in the South Kanara Dt. should be invested with the powers under these sections.

(2) Sections 55 and 59 (d). Powers to compound offences and to accept compensation ~~for forest offences~~.

The Collector of South Kanara suggests that Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars in that Dt. should be invested with powers under these sections within the existing limit of Rs.50. These powers have already been granted in the notification contained in G.O.No.305 Rev., dated 9-2-1928 which is of general application to all districts.

(3) Sections 59 (b) and (c). Powers to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and power to hold enquiries into forest offences etc.

The Government accept the

recommendation of the Board of Revenue that the Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildar in the South Kanara Dt. should be granted powers under these sections, and that Revenue Inspectors in that District should be granted the power to hold enquiries and receive and record evidence under section 59 (c), without the power issue search warrants referred to in the sub section. They agree with the Board that Revenue Inspectors should not be given the powers of a civil court under section 59 (b) and that they should be left to conduct the enquiry as best as they can without the powers under section 59 (b). The Government also accept the Board's recommendation, that all cases investigated by Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars should be tried by Sub Divisional Magistrates.

2. The Government agree with the Board of Revenue that it is not desirable to invest village officers with any of the powers of a forest officer.

3. The following notification will e published in the Fort St. George azette:-

Notification.

In exercise of the powers conferre y section 2 of the Madras Forest Act, 82 (Madras Act V of 1882), and in ontinuation of Revenue Department otification No.40, dated the 9th Februa 928, published at page 245 of Part I of f the Fort St. George Gazette, dated the 4th February 1928, the Governor in ouncil is hereby pleased to appoint the fficers in the South Kanara district entioned in column (i) of the Schedule elow, to discharge the functions of orest-officers under the provisions of he said Act specified in the correspond ing entries in column (2) thereof, in al ases arising within their respective jurisdictions in connexion with -

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Board of Revenue, Land Rev. & Sett.

S.G.P., (para. 3 only)

Development Department.

Law (Dr.) Department.

Collector of S. Kanara

Government of Madras

Read.

Abstract.-

Forests - South Kanara unreserved lands and lands handed over to Forest Panchayats for management - Forest offences - Protection enquiry and prevention - Powers to Revenue

Revenue Department.

Dated 6th September 1935.

Read the following:

No.305 Revenue dated 9th February 1923.
From the Board of Revenue, Land Rev. and Settlement No.Lofco.No.L.416-35-2 dated 24th April 1935.
From do. do. L.416/35-4 dated 25th June 1935.

The following notification will be published in the Fort St.George Gazette:-

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Madr Forest Act, 1882 (Madras Act V of 1882), and in continuation of Revenue Department Notification No.40, dated the 9th February 1928, published at page 245 of Part I of the Fort St.George Gazette, dated the 14th February 1928, the Governor in Council is hereby pleased to appoint the officers in the South Kanara district mentioned in column (i) of the Schedule below, to discharge the functions of Forest-officers under the pfovisions of the said Act specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, in all cases arising within their respective jurisdictions in connexion with -

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(By order of the Governor in Council)
H.R.Uzielli
Secretary to Government.

e Board of Revenue,
Revenue and Settlement
e Superintendent, Government Press.
e Development Department.

P.T.O.

To the Law (Drafting)Dept.
To the Collector of South Kanara.

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Forwarded.

(By order)

Superintendent.